

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GEORGE DALE BURT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of George Dale Burt, a beloved husband, grandfather, and friend. He passed away peacefully at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford on May 9, 2021. I join his loved ones in mourning his loss.

He was born on February 2, 1937 to Hattie Patterson Burt and George Lee Burt. He attended Oakland High School and Delta State University. He later earned his master's degree from the University of Mississippi. Mr. Burt went on to become the principal of Senatobia High School. It was there he began his thirty year coaching career in football that allowed him to impact countless students.

Dale was an outdoorsman and spent time on the family farm. For twenty-five summers, he served as a park ranger at Arkabutla Lake.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Elizabeth Hawkins Burt; children, Teri Lynn Burt Scoggins, David Allen Burt; Carol H. Darby, Patsy Williams; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Burt was a dedicated mentor, loving husband, and diligent father. I thank him for his service to the state of Mississippi and offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDING OF VFW POST 12205 IN BULVERDE, TEXAS

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the founding of VFW Post 12205 in Bulverde, Texas. I wanted to take a moment to congratulate Commander McKinnon and those who helped establish Texas's 290th VFW Post. Over the past several years, the number of veterans in the Spring Branch and Bulverde area has grown tremendously and the need for a new VFW has become ever more apparent. As a member of the Veteran Affairs Committee, it is critically important to me that we have organizations like VFWs present locally to serve our veterans and communities, but also to promote patriotism and the American ideals we desperately need more of today. I have no doubt that this VFW Post will be a source of camaraderie, service, and education. I hope my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating these American patriots at VFW

Post 12205 on their inaugural meeting and success in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE 36 YEARS OF SERVICE OF COUNCILMAN DAVID JORDAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Honorable City Councilman of Greenwood, Mississippi, Mr. David Jordan.

Councilman Jordan served on the Greenwood City Council for 36 years representing Ward 6. During his tenure, he helped uplift the community through his superb leadership. He will continue his endeavors by representing District 24 as a member of the Mississippi State Senate. Senator Jordan has served in the State Senate for the previous 28 years assuming office in 1993.

Born on April 3, 1934, in Leflore County, Mississippi, David was the youngest of five children born to sharecropper parents. Growing up working in cotton fields, David always valued education. Through relentless effort, he received his high school diploma and went on to enroll in Mississippi Valley State University. Later, he attended the University of Wyoming.

Due to his undying love for people, he began his career as a science teacher. With a yearning to serve his community, Mr. Jordan decided to run for City Councilman in 1985 which he held until June 15, 2021. At the age of 88, he is married to the lovely Christine Bell-Jordan, and currently resides in Greenwood, MS.

Madam Speaker, I would like to acknowledge Councilman Jordan for his honorable endeavors to Mississippi communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN PAUL MCKEEVER'S DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF DEARBORN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Paul McKeever on the occasion of his retirement from the Dearborn Fire Department after over 25 years of service to the City of Dearborn, Michigan. His significant service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Captain McKeever began his career in public service as a United States Marine stationed at 29 Palms, California and later was stationed across the state of Michigan. After transferring

to the Marine Corps Reserve, Captain McKeever became a member of the Dearborn Fire Department in August 1995. He continued to serve in both military and civilian firefighting capacities until 2017 when he retired from the Ohio Air National Guard with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Captain McKeever joined the Dearborn Fire Department in 1995 and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in 2007. On June 5, 2012 he was promoted to the role of Captain. A committed leader always willing to go the extra mile for his team, he is a graduate of the Eastern Michigan University School of Fire Staff and Command. Over the course of his extensive career, Captain McKeever has been the recipient of countless awards for excellence in service including the Fire Chief Life Saving Award, Fire Officer of the Year, multiple Meritorious Company Commendations, and a 2019 Certificate of Special Recognition.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Paul McKeever for his exemplary 25 years of service. He has effectively and selflessly served the City of Dearborn in his role as Chief of the Fire Department and has been steadfastly dedicated to the safety of our community. I join with Captain McKeever's family including his wife Meryl and children Paul, Ian, Liam, Grace, and Emma, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MS. MAXINE WHITFIELD PRYOR

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Ms. Maxine Whitfield Pryor who will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 25, 2021.

Ms. Pryor was born in the community of Love in Hernando, MS in Desoto County. She has lived in Hernando her entire life. She is the eldest of 8 siblings born to Nathaniel and Dinah White Whitfield. She attended Oak Hill Church School and in 1939 married Bemis Pryor. She and Bemis had nine children, all born and raised in Hernando.

Ms. Pryor is the proud grandmother of 24 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 22 great-great-grandchildren. She is known for her love of God and her community. She has attended both Oak Hill Baptist Church and Knights Chapel C.M.E. Church in Hernando. She is a retired missionary, stewardess, and church announcer. She enjoys sewing, gardening, cooking, and voting during election season.

Ms. Pryor has been a dedicated member of the Hernando community for 100 years and I am remarkably grateful for her lifetime of service.

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